

ALICE'S WONDERLAND BAKERY

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"Mome Rath Rhapsody"

Outline

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ACT ONE

BEAT A: In TULGEY WOOD a pack of MOME RATHS scamper around in arrow formation. But when they reach a crossroads, the Mome Rath LEADER at the head of the pack stops. She wants to go This Way while the rest of the pack wants to go That Way. The CHESHIRE CAT materializes just in time to hear the Mome Rath's chittering as if arguing. The leader stomps off, leaving the bewildered pack behind.

BEAT B: Outside FERGIE'S HOUSE, JABBIE, DINAH and CAM chase each other merrily as ALICE, ROSA, HATTIE and FERGIE come out of the house with a tray of CARROTY CRUNCHERS. Alice thanks Fergie for sharing his family's carrot crop with them. Everyone loves Carroty Crunchers, *especially* the pets. Fergie blushes with pride, "This year's carrot crop is huge! Big enough to feed every critter in Wonderland!"

Jabbie does a little flip for Rosa and she tosses him a cruncher. Alice holds out a treat and asks Dinah to shake hands but Dinah just tilts her head and meows. "Close enough," laughs Alice, giving her a treat. Cam pops out of Hattie's hat and has *Hattie* do a trick before giving Hattie a cruncher!

BEAT C: As Fergie observes everyone happily playing with their animal friends, he wishes he had a pet of his own.

Meanwhile, the Mome Rath leader scurries into the garden unseen. Fergie absentmindedly picks a carrot but it's actually the Mome Rath! As Fergie goes to bite it, the "carrot" disappears from his hand. The Mome Rath scampers on top of Fergie's head then runs down his back while Fergie spins in circles trying to figure out what's going on! Finally, the Mome Rath scampers into Fergie's arms and the two come face to eyeballs.

BEAT D: Fergie gently sets the Mome Rath down and hops away. She hops along behind and starts to mirror Fergie's every move. Even when he trips and falls, the Mome Rath does a pratfall, tumbles into Fergie's arms and cuddles up to him. Fergie's little bunny heart melts! He's found the perfect pet.

Hattie: "Hold the scone! No one's ever had a Mome Rath as a pet. They're truly untameable." Rosa agrees, "They're real wildcards!" Fergie can't see how this adorable tuft of fluff could possibly cause any trouble. Alice cautions that taking care of even a small pet is a big responsibility. Maybe Fergie should take some time to think it over? Fergie admits he doesn't know much about Mome Rath's but he'll figure it out. As he

feeds the Mome Rath Carroty Crunchers he says he knows just what to name her, "Mimogene Tuffington the Third!" "Why?" asks Hattie. "She just looks like a Mimogene Tuffington the Third to me. I'll call her Mimsy for short."

BEAT E: Fergie launches into an **ORIGINAL SONG: "MY FLUFFITY TUFFITY FRIEND"** about how he and Mimsy will do everything together. As Fergie sings, Mimsy runs off with Hattie's hat, digs holes in the garden, and gets into other mischief. Fergie doesn't notice but it's apparent to everyone else that this perfect pet is gonna be a handful.

BEAT F: As **THE SONG ENDS**, Hattie, Alice and Rosa get ready to leave, piling into the TEA PARTY-TO-GO-CART. Alice tells Fergie she's around if he needs any new-pet help. Fergie assures her he'll be fine, "What could possibly go wrong?"

ACT TWO

BEAT A: As the TEA PARTY-TO-GO CART pulls up in the palace courtyard to drop off Rosa, the QUEEN OF HEARTS rushes towards it yelling, "Mome Raths have invaded the palace!" THREEANNE approaches carrying a Mome Rath inside an open-lidded jar. "Never fear, your majesty! I have captured the critter!" Two more Mome Raths appear on her shoulders. Other GUARDS collide comically as they try to catch them.

Alice produces two Carroty Crunchers and uses them to lure the Mome Raths into the Tea Party-To-Go-Cart. Alice: "Don't worry, your majesty, we'll get these little critters back to Tulgey Wood where they belong."

BEAT B: Meanwhile at Fergie's house, Fergie welcomes Mimsy into her new home. Mimsy scampers off and accidentally knocks the pictures off the mantle. Fergie catches them in the knickknack of time.

Mimsy steps in the (cold) ashes of the fireplace and runs around leaving sooty footprints everywhere. Then she jumps on the hands of the wall clock – changing the time! Fergie compares it with his own watch ("Oh dear!") Mimsy ignores all Fergie's calls and commands as she innocently wreaks havoc.

BEAT C: Back at the palace, the Queen is about to take a swing of her flamingo mallet when three *new* Mome Raths run off with her HEDGEHOG ball and tickle her CARD GUARD WICKETS.

As Alice lures this new pack with Carroty Crunchers, the Queen observes, "How curious. Mome Raths usually move in big packs, not small ones. Anyway, off with them!" As the six Mome Raths make a mess of the Tea Party-To-Go Cart, Alice (along with Hattie and Rosa) drive off to return the critters to Tulgey Wood. Alice hopes Fergie's having better luck with Mimsy.

BEAT D: Fergie brings Mimsy back outside hoping that she'll get in less trouble with more room to run around. In the garden Mimsy eats the tops off all the rainwater melons. Suddenly, a runaway rainwatermelon tumbles toward Fergie. He runs and trips, landing in the wheelbarrow. Mimsy hops in after him, causing the wheelbarrow to roll away with the two of them inside! This is not going well.

BEAT E: Alice, Hattie and Rosa hear some curious sounds as they approach the HABERDASHERY. They pull over to investigate. Inside, they find the MARCH HARE amidst a small pack of Mome Raths that are unspooling fabric, knocking over hats, and making a huge mess. Harry: "Alice! You have to help me!" Harry doesn't mind the mess, "It's just that I'm afraid they have...no fashion sense." As the Mome Raths switch Hattie's hat and Rosa's crown with Easter bonnets, Alice starts to really wonder how Fergie's doing with Mimsy.

BEAT F: Fergie chases Mimsy around the clock tower balcony atop his house. His friends were right, having a pet isn't as easy as he thought. Mimsy jumps onto the thatched roof just out of reach. Fergie gets an idea, goes into the house and emerges with a very tall TALL CAKE. Fergie: "Yoo hoo, Mimsy! If you come down you can have a yummy snacky wacky!" Mimsy dives down into the cake.

BEAT G: As Alice and friends resume their drive to Tulgey Wood, Mome Raths pop up all along the path causing Alice to swerve. What in Wonderland could have caused all this Mome Rath madness?

BEAT H: They arrive at Cheshire's Tree to find a Mome Rath jumping onto Cheshire's grin as he materializes. Another Mome Rath dives off his tail. Alice tosses some treats into the woods and the Mome Raths scamper after them.

Cheshire says the Mome Raths haven't been the same ever since their leader left this morning. Leader? Cheshire: "Oh yes. There was much chittering, I'm afraid." This morning? That's when Fergie found Mimsy! Could Mimsy be the leader of the Mome Raths? They'd better get to Fergie's house fast. They hop back in the Cart and hear a giant <RUMBLING>. The ground shakes.

ACT THREE

BEAT A: A TALL-AS-A-TREE MIMSY stomps by! The kids get out of the cart and look up in shock. "Is that..." starts Hattie. Cheshire floats in front of Mimsy's giant eyes. He poofs back to Alice. Cheshire: "That's a very tall Mome Rath all right."

An out of breath Fergie arrives, "Mimsy ate my mom's ten tier tall cake! Oh, why did it have to be tall cake?" They were right, not every animal is meant to be a pet. "How are we going to stop this marauding Mome Rath?" wonders Rosa. Alice: "If tall cake got us into this, small cake will get us out." And she just happens to have some in the cart! Just

then three teeny tiny Mome Rath race by. So much for the small cake. They need to cook up another idea!

BEAT B: ...An idea that will get Mimsy to stay in one place until the tall cake wears off and she goes back to regular size. Otherwise, she'll accidentally squash half of Wonderland! They also need to get the pack back together. Essentially, they need the dispersed Mome Rath pack corralled in one location. Alice sees the Mome Rath in the cart eating the last of the Carroty Crunchers and gets an idea. Alice: "What we need is a little TLC – Tender Loving Carrots! Fergie, let's hope you really do have enough to feed all the critters in Wonderland."

BEAT C: Outside Fergie's house, Hattie races a wheelbarrow full of carrots from the garden to the Cart, where Alice whips up the snacks. Mome Rath see-saw outside as Rosa and Fergie pick carrots from the garden as fast as they can. "Keep 'em coming!" call Alice and Cheshire from the cart as carroty aroma drifts from the windows, as they bake in a frenzy.

BEAT D: QUICK CUTS - Mome Rath all around Wonderland follow the scent of Carroty Crunchers that wafts through the air. Mimsy stomps toward Fergie's. She's going for the carrot atop the house when Fergie yells, "Down here!" Mimsy's eyes go wide as she sees...

BEAT E: Alice has made a ginormous Carroty Cruncher! The kids are splattered with carrots as they watch Mimsy and all the other Mome Raths devour the giant snack off camera.

The Mome Raths hop up and down, and chitter to the still-giant Mimsy as everyone looks on. Will the pack get back together? Just as Mimsy lets out a happy chitter, the tall cake wears off and she shrinks back down to regular size amidst the other Mome Raths. Then the pack affectionately dogpiles onto each other, lifting Mimsy onto their tufts. Cheshire: "Awww...that's the sweetest chitter I've ever heard! The Mome Raths are back together!" The reunited pack makes a giant arrow and points the way to Tulgey Wood.

BEAT F: Fergie looks sad, "She's not even gonna say goodbye." Then Mimsy pops from behind Fergie and cuddles with him. "I know you have to go lead your pack," says Fergie, "You can't be my pet, but maybe we can be...friends?" Cheshire chitter-translates - Fergie's welcome to hop with the pack any time! Alice gives Fergie a reassuring pat on the shoulder, "Don't worry, Fergie. Someday you'll find your perfect pet." Fergie says he'll have to think about it carefully before he rushes into anything. Maybe a nice, cuddly...goldfish? Or a snail. Or a rock. They watch the Mome Raths race off into the sunset as we... **FADE OUT.**